

STEERING, LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

February 4, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Gary Farley
Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner Jeff Jordan
Commissioner Allen McAdoo
Commissioner Steve Sandlin
Commissioner Adam Coggin, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Greg Tucker
Clarence Brandon Robert Arnold
Margurete Brandon Becky Shelton
Joshua Vasquez

Chairman Coggin presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FILL VACANCY ON CONSERVATION BOARD:

Chairman Coggin advised an application had been received from Clarence Brandon for appointment to the Conservation Board. Mr. Brandon was in attendance and addressed the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to recommend Clarence Brandon for appointment to the Conservation Board. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FILL COUNTY HISTORIAN VACANCY:

Chairman Coggin advised an application had been received from Greg Tucker for appointment as County Historian. Mr. Tucker was in attendance and addressed the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Jordan, to recommend Greg Tucker as County Historian. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Burgess next presented a proposed amendment to the Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 384, Section 16 as amended by Private Acts of 1977, Chapter 76 relating to duties of the General Sessions Judges. The amendment needs to be sent to the State delegation as soon as possible for passage this year. The Judges are currently authorized to execute and serve warrants, take charge of prisoners, preserve peace and have the same powers and duties as constables. The amendment cleans up the old Private Act. The Committee was advised there was a concern on the part of the Sheriff and Judges resulting in the amendment which has been approved by the Sheriff and Judges. The Committee was advised the sitting judge can be armed and the amendment does not affect that. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner McAdoo, to approve the amendment as presented and forward to the Commission. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Coggin declared the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

ADAM COGGIN, Chairman